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Subject: Imidacloprid spray in Willapa Bay and Grays Harbor
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Mr. Rockett,

Please log this as a public comment against the use of imidacloprid in Willapa Bay and Grays Harbor by the shellfish industry. While I note that much less chemical/acre would be used, I believe the overall effect on the ecology, given the increased quantity of acres being treated, will have an extremely detrimental effect on the marine environment.

In fact, I believe that the use of any chemical, carbaryl, imidacloprid or any other selected by the shellfish industry to bolster their harvest, is against the best interest both of the environment and of the consumers who may unwittingly ingest the residue of this treatment.

In addition, the lack of any evidence of the long-term effect of such treatment on both avian and marine invertebrates is reason enough to deny this permit. In deciding whether to pursue a chemical solution to any perceived problem, especially in situations involving the food supply, science must always err on the side of the precautionary principle. It is not enough to say "we will monitor after the fact". After the fact too often is after irreparable damage has been done.

Please deny this permit.

Thank you,
Elise Wright